The Third Annual
Euclid High Schools

Sports Hall of Fame

Dinner and Induction Ceremonies

Thursday, October 5, 1989
Spanish Manor, Euclid Ohio

1988 HALL OF FAME

The 16 athletes in this group compiled a high school record of 36 All-Conference selections, 13 Greater Cleveland All Scholastic choices, 11 All-State winners. As collegians these athletes earned 9 All-Conference, 3 All-State and 1 All-American honors.

Altogether there are six professional athletes and one U.S. Olympian.

Mel Riebe	1936
Graham L. Mower	1937
Harv Riebe	1938
Ed Stoch	1941
Frank "Bing" Bergoch	1943
Don K. McLean	1947
Don Anzells	1948
Byron "Bar" Fondran	1948
Frank Joranko	1948
Don Manuel "T" Paz	1957
Larry Nosse	1957
Wayne A. Rositano	1959
Al Vilcheck	1968
Rick Brown	1968
Tom Stupica	1971
Debbie Williams	1978

Coach

Ford L. Case
Dale "Tommy" Thompson

Honorary

H.W. "Ike" Driver
Jack W. Subel

1987 HALL OF FAME

The 16 athletes in this group compiled a high school record of 28 All-Conference selections, 20 Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic choices and 13 All-State winners. As collegians these athletes earned 15 All-Conference, two All-State and five All-American honors. In the group there are seven professional athletes, one U.S. Olympian and one world champion!

Lenny Sadosky	1929
Joe Sintic	1929
Frank Montana	1939
Frank Skeya	1940
"Babe" Lipovic	1941
Neal Nelson	1943
Bill Kerslake	1947
Crayton Mast	1947
Bob Marich	1950
Stan Intihar	1952
Don Vicic	1953
Joe Nossek	1958
Ed Orazen	1961
Tom Murphy	1963
Berke Reichenbach	1963
Ian Glass	1970

Coaches

Clarence Eckert
Walt Schwegler

Honorary

Mike Marsh
Kenneth Sims

WELCOME

Welcome to the Third Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremonies of the Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame.

High Schools represented are Euclid Central, Euclid Shore, Euclid Senior and Euclid High.

We are proud of the distinguished records and remarkable achievements of our third class of inductees. The nine athletes in the group compiled a high school total of 30 All-Conference selections, nine Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic choices and three All-State winners. As collegians, these athletes earned numerous All-Conference honors and one was named to an All-American team.

1989 EUCLID HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Sam Disantis	1925	Rich Creveling	1964
Joe Curto	1940	John Lonchar	1970
Rocco Apicello	1941		
Jack Obert	1947	**Coaches**	
Bob Drobnick	1948	Jim Calvert	
Frank Nimmo	1953	Don Mohr	
Dan Stevenson	1961		
		Honorary	
		Tony Vaccariello	

PROGRAM

SOCIAL HOUR . . . . . 6:00-7:00 P.M.

WELCOME . . . . . Ed Stoch

INVOCATION . . . . . Joe Mayer

DINNER . . . . . 7:00 P.M.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES . . . . . John Telich
(TV Channel 8 Sportscaster)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS . . . . . Kurt Stanic
Superintendent of Euclid Schools

Bill McGuinness
Principal, Euclid High School

David M. Lynch
Mayor, City of Euclid

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Ed Stoch

BENEDICTION . . . . . Joe Mayer

SAM DISANTIS . . . Euclid Shore, 1925

Sam Disantis, Shore, 1925 is a most amazing sports figure. He is one of 10 athletic brothers in a family from Collinwood when he enrolled at Shore in 1924. In his senior year, he was an all-conference halfback in football, an all-conference guard in basketball, led the track team in scoring and introduced wrestling into the Shore athletic program.

At Michigan State University and Western Reserve University, he earned letters in football, basketball, wrestling, baseball and golf. He was the college and State of Michigan boxing champion at 165 pounds.

He considers his greatest achievement was at an annual intramural night at Western Reserve where he won two boxing championships, two wrestling championships (each in different weight divisions), and played on the champion basketball team - all in one night.

After college **Sam** coached five sports in the Cleveland School System. He also served as athletic director at these schools and was Recreation Director in Cleveland Heights.

Sam Disantis was honored by the Cleveland Touchdown Club for 39 years of officiating in this area.

JOSEPH CURTO . . . Euclid Shore, 1940

Joe played for two Hall of Fame coaches at Euclid Shore. He earned an incredible 13 varsity letters. **Joe** played fullback and linebacker for Walt Schwegler for three years, pitched baseball for three years, was a basketball guard for three years under Ford Case, played varsity golf for three years and earned one letter in track as a shotput and discus thrower.

He was All-Conference and All-Scholastic in football and baseball.

Joe played football at Kent State University. He also played Class "A" sandlot baseball in Cleveland where he held the strike-out record for several years.

Joe Curto is retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

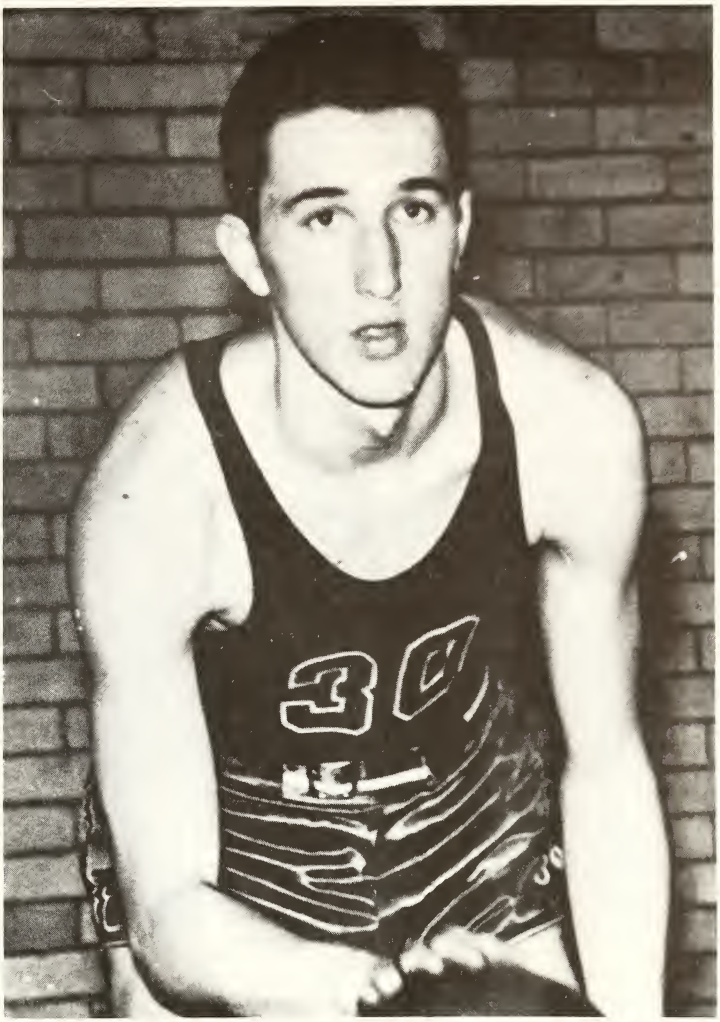
ROCCO APICELLO . . . Euclid Central, 1941

Rocco won ten letters at Central as a small but dynamic athlete. He earned three each in football, basketball and baseball, and one in track. He was a team captain and made All-Conference in football, basketball and baseball. In his senior year, he received the Alumni Outstanding Athlete Award.

Rocco played freshman football, basketball and baseball at Bowling Green State University. The war interrupted his college athletic career. **Rocco** served three years in the armed forces and returned to BGSU to earn a degree in education.

Rocco Apicello was a teacher in the Euclid Schools for 33 years. He is now retired and enjoying golf and bowling.

JACK OBERT . . . Euclid Shore, 1947



Jack earned ten varsity letters at Shore High School. He won two in football under Hall-of-Fame Coach Walt Schwegler, three in basketball under Hall-of-Fame Coach Ford Case, three in baseball under Coach John Pohto and two in track under Ford Case.

Jack was an All-Conference football player in 1946 and 1947 and an All-Conference basketball player in 1947 when he was also named to the Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic Basketball team.

Jack attended Baldwin-Wallace College where injuries ended his college athletic career.

Jack Obert is now semiretired and still lives in the area.

ROBERT DROBNICK . . . Euclid Central, 1948

Bob was a fine athlete and outstanding team leader at Central High School. He earned eight letters in football, basketball, and track and was team captain in football and basketball.

In his senior year, **Bob** was a Press Star and made All-Conference in football. He was basketball captain under Hall-of-Fame Coach Jim Calvert.

Bob played football at John Carroll University.

He has been a sports official for many years, officiating football for 39 years, basketball 37 years, volleyball 13 years and field hockey for the past three.

A former Euclid Building Commissioner, **Bob Drobnick** still lives in Euclid and is currently employed by the City of Macedonia.

FRANK NIMMO . . . Euclid Senior High School, 1953

Frank was an outstanding basketball player at Euclid Senior High School. He also played baseball one year and earned two letters in track.

Frank was basketball team captain his last two years and set scoring records as a senior. He also made All-Conference, All-Tournament, Greater Cleveland All-Scholastic and won the Ford Case MVP Award. He was elected to the National Athletic Scholarship Society.

At the University of Cincinnati, he was a starter for three years and team captain in his senior year. He was considered a great clutch player and sports writers called him one of the best guards in Cincinnati history. **Frank** made the NIT All-Tournament team in his sophomore year and third team All-American as a junior.

Frank passed up two professional basketball offers and got his degree in industrial engineering.

Frank now owns an engineering consulting firm in the Cincinnati area.

DAN STEVENSON . . . Euclid Senior High School, 1961

Dan was an outstanding basketball and baseball player at Euclid Senior High School.

In basketball, he made All-Conference two years, Plain Dealer Dream Team two years, Cleveland Press-Star two years, was a captain and made All-Sectional Team two years in a row.

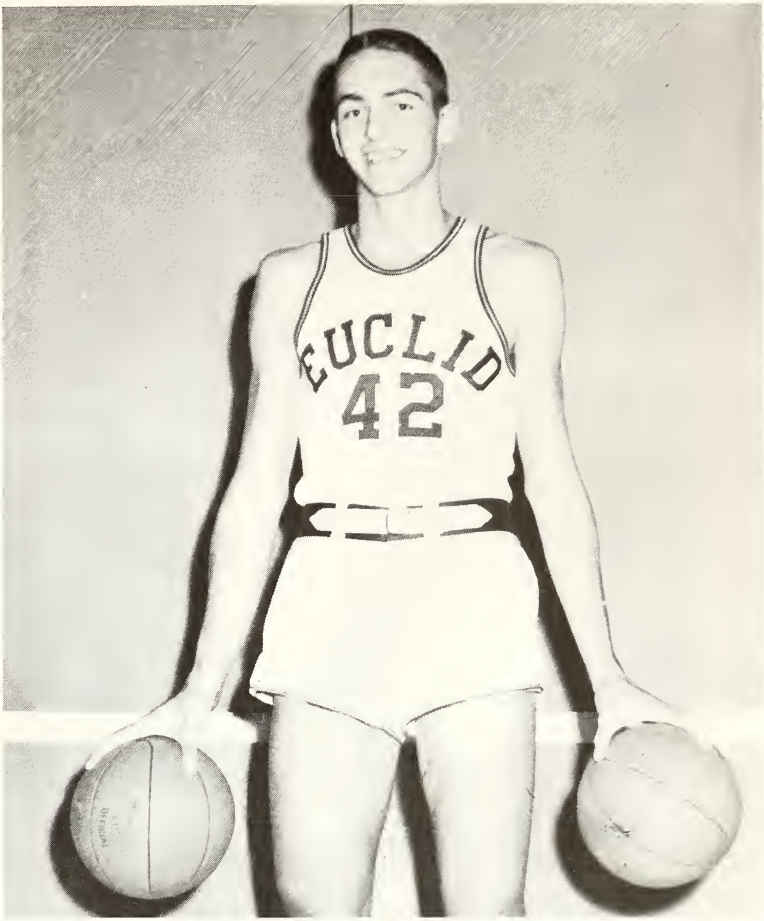
As a baseball player, he earned three letters, was a team captain, made All-Scholastic and All-Ohio as a pitcher.

In his senior year, **Dan** received the Mayor Sims Outstanding Athlete Award.

At Tulane University **Dan** played basketball and baseball. He made All Southeast Conference in baseball.

Dan Stevenson is an attorney in Coram, N.Y.

RICH CREVELING . . . Euclid Senior High School, 1964



Rich was a fine athlete. He is considered one of the best basketball players in Euclid High School history. He held the rebounding record, single game scoring record, was team captain, made All-Conference two years, Press Star, Dream Team, All-Scholastic two years, North-South All-Star Team and Honorable Mention Coaches All-American.

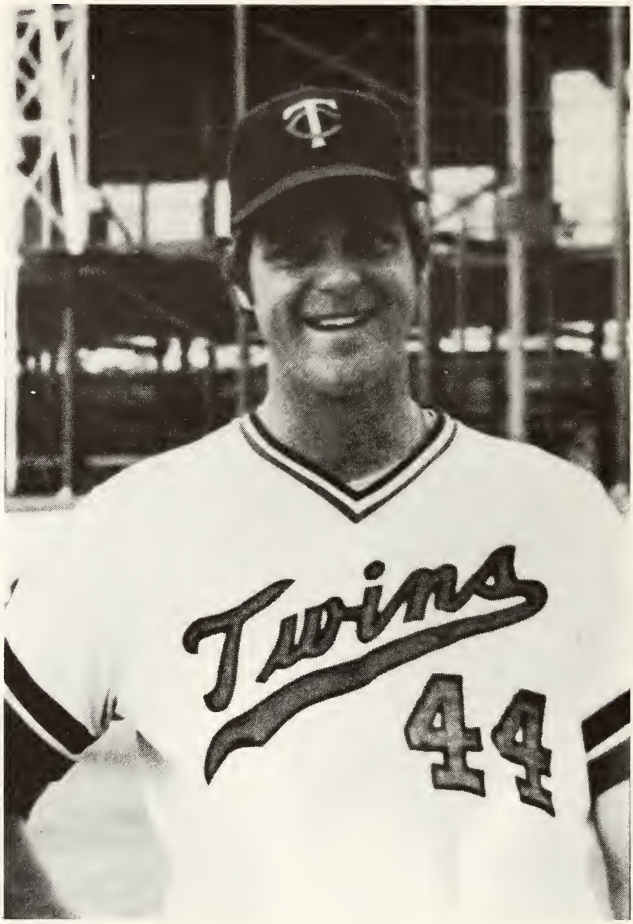
As a tennis player, he earned two letters and qualified for the State Tournament in his junior and senior years. He was a State Semifinalist in his senior year.

In his senior year, **Rich** received the Mayor Sims Award as an outstanding athlete.

Rich went to Wittenberg University where he earned letters in basketball, tennis and golf. He was a member of the Ohio Conference Championship tennis team in 1966.

Rich lives in the area and is president of Midwest Screw Products Company.

JOHN LONCHAR . . . Euclid Senior High School, 1970



John was a versatile athlete. He earned three letters in football, three in basketball and two in baseball.

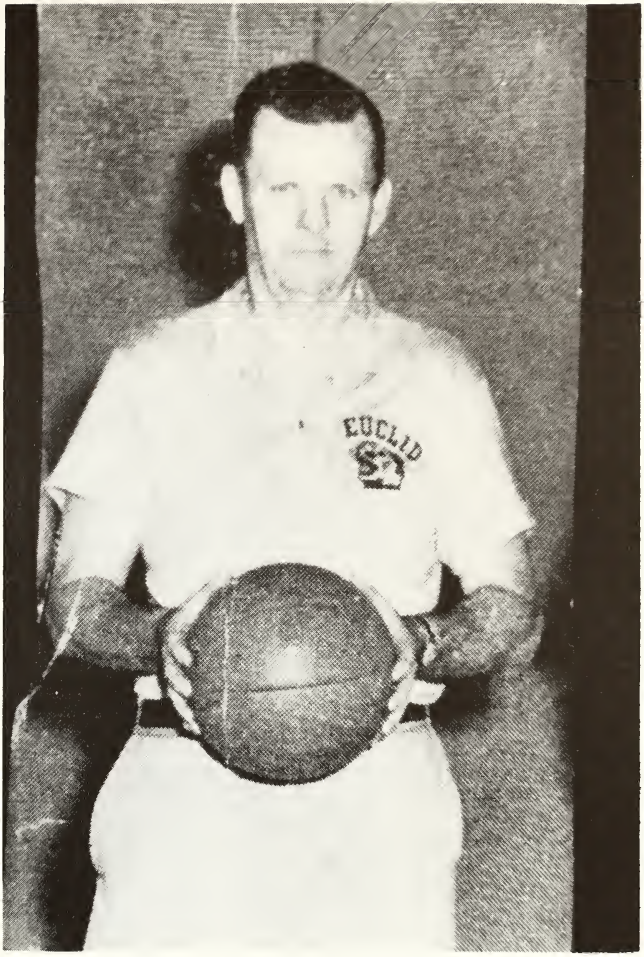
John was captain and All-Conference in football, basketball and baseball. He was All-Scholastic in football and baseball.

John attended the University of Michigan where he played one year of basketball and four years of baseball. In 1974 he made the Sporting News All-American Baseball Team.

He played with the Minnesota Twins and Detroit Tigers baseball organizations for five years.

John Lonchar is now an executive vice-president with M.D.K. Advertising Agency.

JAMES CALVERT . . . Coach



Regarded by fellow coaches and by officials as a "gentleman coach", **Jim** was respected by his players as a fair and patient coach who treated every member of his squad with empathy.

After a fine personal athletic career, **Jim** coached several sports at a number of Ohio high schools before coming to Euclid. **Jim Calvert** was the last basketball coach at Euclid Central High and the first basketball coach at Euclid Senior High School. He coached at Euclid Senior High School for 11 years, winning 132 games and losing 92 for a fine winning percentage.

His teams won two Conference Championships, four Sectional titles, two District titles and gained one Regional Final.

Jim Calvert worked for the Euclid Recreation Department for several years. He is now retired and living in Euclid.

DON MOHR . . . Coach

Don Mohr exemplified the image we carry of a coach. He was an adult role model to his students, both on and off the field. His players considered him to be fair, understanding, patient and empathetic. He was a confidant and counselor in many personal problems presented by his students.

Don enjoyed a fine personal athletic career during which he won All-Ohio honors at Bowling Green and at Baldwin-Wallace College. He was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 1947 and is a member of the Berea High School Hall of Fame.

Don was a teacher and coach for 31 years, the last 24 of which were spent at Euclid Senior where he was football coach for ten years and also served as faculty manager of athletics and as Athletic Director. His 1956 team was co-champion in the Lake Erie League.

Don received the Greater Cleveland Football Coaches Golden Deeds Award in 1971. He was an outstanding football and basketball official for 21 years.

Don Mohr is now retired and living in the area.

ANTHONY V. VACCARIELLO - Honorary

"**Tony Vacc**" was one of the most beloved teachers in the history of Euclid schools. After a commendable personal scholastic athletic career and graduation from college, "**Vacc**" started teaching Spanish at Shore High School in 1937. While there he coached wrestling and ice hockey.

In 1949, he moved to the new Senior High School to teach and to direct the Ad Club which promoted the sale of tickets to athletic events. In 1951, "**Vacc**" was appointed Faculty Manager of Athletics, a position he held for nearly 20 years.

He was an active member of the Boosters Club and several Euclid organizations. He worked for the Euclid Recreation Department for many years.

His "One for the Panthers" campaigns were memorable events.

"**Vacc**" raised his family in Euclid. We were all saddened by his untimely death in the spring of 1970.

CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINEES

There shall be three (3) categories of nominees eligible:

A. **Athlete:**

An athlete's class must have graduated at least ten (10) years prior to selection.

B. **Coach/Athletic Administrator:**

1. A coach or athletic administrator must have served on the staff of Euclid schools.

2. A coach or athletic administrator must have retired or left the school.

C. **Honorary:**

An honorary nominee must have made a significant impact on the Euclid High Schools sports programs and would not otherwise qualify as an athlete or as a coach or athletic administrator.

D. **Criteria**

1. Varsity level of competition
2. Leadership
3. Impact on athletic program
4. All Scholastic
5. All Ohio or State champion
6. State or national record holder
7. All-Star teams
8. School record holder, etc.
9. Postgraduate image
10. Outstanding postgraduate sports achievements

1989 EUCLID HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE:

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